

AGN. NO. _____

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR MICHAEL D. ANTONOVICH

April 17, 2007

The Mosquito and Vector Control Association of California has designated the week of April 23 through April 29, 2007, as "West Nile Virus and Mosquito and Vector Control Awareness Week" in the State of California.

West Nile virus is a mosquito-borne disease that can cause debilitating illness and death to humans, avian species, horses and other wildlife. In the last two years, West Nile virus has killed 24 people in California and sickened nearly 1,200 others. The State Department of Health Services and the Centers for Disease Control predict West Nile virus will again pose a public health threat in California in 2007.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors proclaim the week of April 23 through April 29, 2007, as "West Nile Virus and Mosquito and Vector Control Awareness Week" in Los Angeles County.

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WEST NILE VIRUS AND MOSQUITO & VECTOR CONTROL AWARENESS WEEK

RESOLUTION

This resolution would recognize April 23 through April 29, 2007, as West Nile Virus and Mosquito and Vector Control Awareness Week.

Whereas, in the last two years, West Nile virus has killed 24 people in California and sickened nearly 1,200 others; and

WHEREAS, The State Department of Health Services and the Centers for Disease Control predict West Nile virus will again pose a public health threat in California in 2007; and

WHEREAS, Adequately funded mosquito and vector control, disease surveillance and public awareness programs are the best way to prevent outbreaks of West Nile virus and other diseases borne by mosquitoes and other vectors; and

WHEREAS, Educational programs have been developed to include schools, civic groups, private industry, and government agencies, in order to help the public understand how to protect themselves from West Nile virus by: staying indoors when mosquitoes are most active at dawn and dusk; wearing pants, long-sleeved shirts and repellents containing DEET; eliminating standing water that can support mosquito breeding, and alerting the local vector control district to significant mosquito infestations.

WHEREAS, “West Nile Virus and Mosquito and Vector Control Awareness Week” will increase the public’s awareness of the threat of West Nile virus and other diseases and the activities of the mosquito and vector research and control agencies and their professional staff working to minimize the health threat within California, and will highlight the educational programs currently available; and

WHEREAS, The California State Legislature and the Mosquito and Vector Control Association of California have designated the week of April 23 through April 29, 2007, as “West Nile Virus and Mosquito and Vector Control Awareness Week” in the State of California; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the San Gabriel Valley Mosquito & Vector Control District hereby declares that the week of April 23 through April 29, 2007 be designated as West Nile Virus and Mosquito and Vector Control Awareness Week.